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It's funny though Ann, Grosse Ile was added back to the list of ORD Geographic Locations along with Las Vegas! I only asked about Las Vegas. The point is that the Agency is playing a similar game with the Region 5 staff.

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Hi, Eric  
I think management considers Grosse Ile closed as of last year (FY17). Also Edison, New Jersey.  
Thanks, Ann

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Apparently we're not alone now! Funny, Jennifer didn't say anything about closing this facility in her state-of-the-organization presentation on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Maybe I missed it? Nope. The two ORD people who worked there moved last May.

A few things to note in the articles: 1. The folks based there got the same treatment Las Vegas staff did (you've got 3 to 5 years...oops, never mind, you have 6 months) 2. It says EPA ORD "owns" it but the only staff discussed as being impacted are Region 5 emergency responders not researchers; 3. They have some modest political cover being offered by one of their congressional delegation; 4. It says that "Years ago, research workers were moved from Gross Ile to Duluth, MN." So, I guess that ORD was the landlord for Region 5 staff?; 5. The Agency just poured a whole lot of money into refurbishing these EPA-owned facilities, and; 6. They were given only one reason like us...the Obama-era policy on reducing the Federal real estate footprint demanded it.

The EPA Region 5 staff are really getting screwed because their less than 50 mile move to Ann Arbor doesn't justify Agency sponsored relocation. Ouch.

<http://trentontrib.com/epa-planning-to-shut-down-island-research-station.html>

<https://federalnewsradio.com/facilities-construction/2018/02/epa-plans-to-shutter-emergency-response-personnel-facility/>

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